

REMARKS

The Applicant generally agrees with the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the Bertolero reference. The claim has been amended to further distinguish the Applicant's invention from the prior art, and in this regard the Applicant wishes to point out that the device taught by the application and presented in the claim anchors a single tip of a single catheter in cardiac tissue. Next the catheter links drape over the cardiac tissue to provide a conformation of the heart tissue.

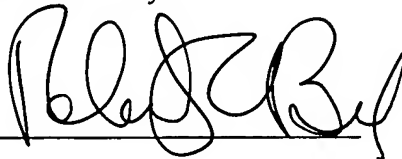
The claim as amended requires a barbed hook to be located at the most distal surface of the catheter. Turning to Figure 4, 4a, 5 and 6 of the Bertolero reference shows the use of suction apertures 412 and the like to force conformity of the electrodes with the tissue of the heart. In Bertolero Applicant suggests that what is taught is a single continuous electrical conductor held down by suction cups to the surface of the heart. This is in distinct contrast to Applicant's invention where a barb enters the heart to anchor the tip and then the conformal linkage of several independent electrodes drape over the cardiac surface. The structure is described in the specification and is shown specifically with respect to Fig. 5 and Fig. 4 of Applicant's application.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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